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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 14759

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REFUSALS

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1. A FOREIGN OFFICE CBM OFFICIAL HAS ADVISED US THAT
BOTH BULGARIA AND THE GDR HAVE NOTIFIED THE FRG BY
DIPLOMATIC NOTE THAT THEY CANNOT ACCEPT BONN'S INVI-
TATION TO SEND OBSERVERS TO THE GROSSER BAER MANEUVER.
BOTH COUNTRIES BASED THEIR REFUSALS ON THE FACT THAT
THEY HAD NO MILITARY ATTACHES IN BONN. THE OFFICIAL
THOUGHT THAT SUCH REASONING BY THE GDR WAS
DISINGENUOUS, SINCE THE FRG HAS NO INTENTION OF
EXCHANGING MILITARY ATTACHES WITH THE GDR.

2. ROMANIA, POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA THUS REMAIN THE
ONLY WARSAW PACT STATES WHICH HAVE NOT YET RESPONDED TO
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THE GROSSER BAER INVITATION. THE GERMANS ARE CURIOUS

WHAT THE ROMANIANS WOULD BASE THEIR REFUSAL ON, SINCE BONN AND BUCHAREST HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON EXCHANGING ATTACHES, ALTHOUGH THE ROMANIAN HAS NOT YET TAKEN UP HIS POST IN THE FRG (REF B).

3. REGARDING ACCEPTANCES AND REFUSALS FOR LARES TEAM, THE OFFICIAL REPORTED THAT AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, MALTA, SPAIN AND THE UK HAVE THUS FAR ACCEPTED. THE GDR DECLINED IN THE SAME NOTE TRANSMITTED FOR GROSSER BAER. HUNGARY ALSO DECLINED BY TELEPHONE FROM COLOGNE. FINALLY, IRELAND DECLINED DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL.
HILLENBRAND UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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